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1. DEFENSE SECRETARY HAROLD BROWN, APPEARING ON ABC'S
"ISSUES AND ANSWERS," TOLD NATIONAL TELEVISION AUDIENCE
THAT DESPITE LACK OF NEW SALT AGREEMENT THERE HAVE BEEN
RECENT DISCUSSIONS THAT MAKE IT CLEAR THAT "BOTH SIDES ARE
NEGOTIATING IN GOOD FAITH WAY." PETER BARNES OF WASHING-
TON POST SAID BROWN EMPHASIZED "THERE REMAIN COUPLE OF
STICKY PROBLEMS WHICH I THINK WE HAVE REASONABLE CHANCE OF

NEGOTIATING OUT OF BEFORE END OF THIS YEAR. I WOULD NOT SAY THERE HAS BEEN ANY BREAKTHROUGH. I THINK THERE HAS BEEN STEADY, BUT SLOW, PROGRESS." EVEN WITH SALT AGREEMENT HOWEVER, BROWN SAID NUCLEAR ARMS RACE WOULD GO ON. "PACE WILL DEPEND ON NATURE OF AGREEMENT, AND IF THERE IS NO AGREEMENT I WOULD EXPECT THAT THERE WOULD BE AN ACCELERATION OF COMPETITION. BUT COMPETITION WILL CONTINUE IN ANY EVENT." DEFENSE SECRETARY, ACCORDING TO UNITED PRESS INTERNATIONAL, STRESSED THAT U.S. WILL HAVE TO SPEED UP DEVELOPMENT OF MX IF SALT AGREEMENT CANNOT BE CONCLUDED SHORTLY. EVEN IF THERE IS NEW AGREEMENT, UPI QUOTED HIM AS SAYING,

PENTAGON WILL HAVE TO WORK ON WAYS TO MAKE U.S. LAND-BASED MISSILE FORCE SAFER. BROWN SAID COMPETITION BETWEEN SUPERPOWERS TO BUILD MORE POWERFUL, ACCURATE NUCLEAR WEAPONS HAS CONTINUED SINCE FIRST SALT AGREEMENTS WERE REACHED IN 1972.

2. SYNDICATED COLUMNIST TOM BRADEN, WRITING IN WASHINGTON POST, DENOUNCED FORMATION OF NEW CONGRESSIONAL GROUP, COALITION FOR PEACE THROUGH STRENGTH, WHICH HE SAID IS DEDICATED TO "ACHIEVING AND MAINTAINING 'MILITARY SUPERIORITY OVER MOSCOW.'" BRADEN SAID COALITION AND ITS SISTER ORGANIZATIONS -- AMERICAN SECURITY COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE ON PRESENT DANGER AND NUMBER OF OTHERS -- ARE TALKING NONSENSE. "THEY WANT TO EMBARK ON HUGE CIVIL DEFENSE UNCLASSIFIED

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PROGRAM, BUILD MORE MISSILES, BEEF UP OUR CONVENTIONAL FORCES, BUILD BIGGER NAVY AND AIR FORCE. AND WHAT WILL RUSSIANS DO? WHY, OF COURSE, THEY WILL THEN DO PRECISELY SAME THING. WE CAN BOTH SPEND OURSELVES INTO BANKRUPTCY WHILE JAPANESE BECOME WORLD'S LEADING ECONOMIC POWER. ALL SPENDING IN WORLD WILL NOT CHANGE STRATEGIC BALANCE, WHICH RESTS TODAY EXACTLY WHERE IT DID WHEN WINSTON CHURCHILL DEFINED PEACE AS 'MUTUAL TERROR.' EACH SIDE KNOWS THAT IF IT STRIKES FIRST, OTHER CAN RETALIATE. EACH SIDE KNOWS THAT IF IT STRIKES TO KILL, OTHER CAN AND WILL KILL BEFORE IT DIES.... ALL OF US, OWING OUR LIVES TO BALANCE OF TERROR, OUGHT TO BE WARY OF EFFORTS TO UPSET THAT BALANCE.... PEACE OF MUTUAL TERROR REQUIRES CARE, WARINESS, RESTRAINT AND VIGILANCE. BUT ONE THING THAT MIGHT DESTROY IT IS CHAUVINISTIC DETERMINATION TO BE NO. 1."

3. CHARLES W. CORDDRY OF BALTIMORE SUN, AFTER THREE-WEEK REPORTING SURVEY OF NATO, SAID WESTERN MILITARY COMMANDERS DISMISS IDEA THAT SOVIET UNION NOW COULD ATTACK IN CENTRAL EUROPE LIKE "BOLT OUT OF BLUE" AND SWEEP TO RHINE OR ENGLISH CHANNEL IN FEW DAYS. NATO COMMANDER ALEXANDER HAIG SAID AS OF TODAY "THERE IS STILL RELATIVE COMPARABILITY

BETWEEN WARSAW PACT AND OURSELVES, AND IT WOULD REQUIRE FAIRLY SUBSTANTIAL EFFORT ON PART OF PACT TO PENETRATE WESTERN DEFENSES."

4. JIM HOAGLAND OF WASHINGTON POST REPORTED THAT SAMUEL P. HUNTINGTON, "SCHOLAR, MILITARIST AND THORN IN SIDE OF WORLD COMMUNISM, RETURNED TO HARVARD LAST WEEK. BEHIND HIM IN WORLD OF WASHINGTON POLICYMAKING HE LEFT CAREFULLY PRIMED BEAR TRAP THAT COULD SNAP SHUT ON SOVIET-AMERICAN TRADE IF RUSSIANS CONTINUE TO PUSH JIMMY CARTER." HE SAID "BEAR TRAP LIES BURIED IN NEW REGULATIONS THAT BRING NSC INTO REVIEW OF EXPORT LICENSES FOR AMERICAN TECHNOLOGY BEING SOLD TO SOVIET UNION AND OTHER COMMUNIST COUNTRIES.

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NEW REVIEW PROCEDURES, IN TURN, GROW OUT OF SECRET STUDY MEMORANDUM THAT HUNTINGTON AND OTHER NSC STAFFERS HAVE BEEN WORKING ON FOR MONTHS AND WHICH HELPED STRUCTURE PRESIDENT CARTER'S DECISION LAST MONTH TO USE TRADE RESTRICTIONS TO DEMONSTRATE HIS DISPLEASURE WITH SOVIET ACTIONS." HUNTINGTON SAID HE IS NOT "URGING ECONOMIC WARFARE," BUT IS SUGGESTING THAT U.S. EMPLOY "ECONOMIC DIPLOMACY" IN DEALING WITH SOVIETS. HOAGLAND SAID NEW ROLE FOR NSC STAFF IN MONITORING EXPORT LICENSES FOR TECHNOLOGY "GREATLY INCREASES CHANCES THAT TRADE WILL BE USED AS POLICY INSTRUMENT, DESPITE STRONG OPPOSITION FROM STATE, COMMERCE AND TREASURY DEPARTMENTS." HUNTINGTON STRESSED TWO POINTS: "FIRST, WE HAVE TO ACCEPT THAT OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH SOVIETS INVOLVES BOTH COMPETITION AND COOPERATION. SECONDLY, THAT AS RESULT OF SOVIET MILITARY BUILDUP IN LATE 1960S AND '70S SOVIETS HAVE ACHIEVED WHAT COULD BE ROUGHT OVERALL MILITARY EQUIVALENCE WITH U.S." HE SAID U.S. CAN COUNTER SOVIETS WHEN IT HAS TO WITH ITS LEAD-RSHIP IN ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL DIPLOMACY. HE CITED "NEED FOR GREATER FLEXIBILITY TO PROVIDE ECONOMIC INDUCEMENT, OR IMPOSE ECONOMIC PENALTIES IN CONTEXT OF OUR OVERALL POLITICAL RELATIONSHIP WITH SOVIETS." HOAGLAND SAID THAT "FLEXIBILITY" PROVIDES HIDDEN BEAR TRAP WITH ITS TEETH.

5. FRED HOFFMAN OF ASSOCIATED PRESS REPORTED THAT WARSAW PACT, WHICH ALREADY OUTNUMBERS AND OUT-GUNS U.S. AND ALLIED CONVENTIONAL FORCES IN CENTRAL EUROPE, IS NARROWING NATO'S ADVANTAGE IN TACTICAL NUCLEAR WEAPONS. HOFFMAN SAID "THAT IS CONSENSUS EXPRESSED IN RECENT U.S. INTELLIGENCE REPORTS ON SOVIET DEVELOPMENT AND DEPLOYMENT OF TACTICAL NUCLEAR W-APONS IN WESTERN RUSSIA, EAST GERMANY, CZECHOSLOVAKIA AND POLAND. HE SAID THESE WEAPONS "COULD SERIOUSLY AFFECT, AND POSSIBLY DECIDE, BATTLE FOR EUROPE

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IF WAR ESCALATED BEYOND CONVENTIONAL HIGH EXPLOSIVE ARMS."

6. NICHOLAS DANILOFF OF UPI REPORTED THAT ALTHOUGH PRESIDENT CARTER "INSTRUCTED HIS ENVOYS THIS SPRING TO NEGOTIATE TREATY TO BAN ALL NUCLEAR TESTS, U.S. DELEGATION IS SPLIT BY BITTER DISPUTE OVER HOW LONG SUCH PACT SHOULD LAST." DANILOFF SAID DIFFERENCES WITHIN ADMINISTRATION, INVOLVING ENERGY DEPARTMENT, JCS, STATE DEPARTMENT AND ACDA, BECAME "PRINCIPAL REASON" WHY U.S. WAS OBLIGED TO SEEK RECESS IN CTB TALKS. DANILOFF SAID "QUIET FEUDING" ON THIS ISSUE HAS BEEN GOING ON FOR MONTHS WITHIN ADMINISTRATION AND CONTINUES UNRESOLVED. "PRESIDENT CARTER IS REPORTED FULLY AWARE OF DIFFERENCES, BUT TO DATE HAS DECLINED TO RESOLVE DISPUTE," UPI CORRESPONDENT SAID. ACCORDING TO DANILOFF, DOE, "REFLECTING CONCERNS OF NUCLEAR LAB DIRECTORS, HAS ARGUED STRONGLY FOR TEST BAN OF

LIMITED RATHER THAN UNLIMITED DURATION." STATE AND ACDA OFFICIALS WHICH ORIGINALLY BACKED INDEFINITE TEST BAN, IN COMPROMISE AGREED TO TREATY OF LIMITED DURATION. "BUT DISAGREEMENT CONTINUED, WITH STATE DEPARTMENT URGING FIVE-YEAR BAN, AND DOE SEEKING THREE-YEAR BAN. JCS SIDED WITH DOE, APPARENTLY, BECAUSE CHIEFS RELY ON ENERGY DEPARTMENT TO CERTIFY QUALITY OF NUCLEAR WARHEADS." DANILOFF SAID FURTHER DISPUTE WITHIN U.S. DELEGATION INVOLVES PROVISION WHICH WOULD DESCRIBE WHAT HAPPENS AT END OF CTB TREATY'S LIFE. DOE REPORTEDLY SEEKS WORDING WHICH WOULD STRONGLY ASSERT U.S. RIGHT TO RESUME TESTING, DANILOFF SAID. STATE OFFICIALS SEEK MORE NEUTRAL LANGUAGE WHICH WOULD CALL FOR RENEWAL OF BAN UNLESS THERE IS AN IMPERATIVE NEED TO TEST. CHRISTOPHER

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